



IDW Communiqué



I-MANAGE Data Warehouse: *Your link to DOE's Corporate Business Systems*

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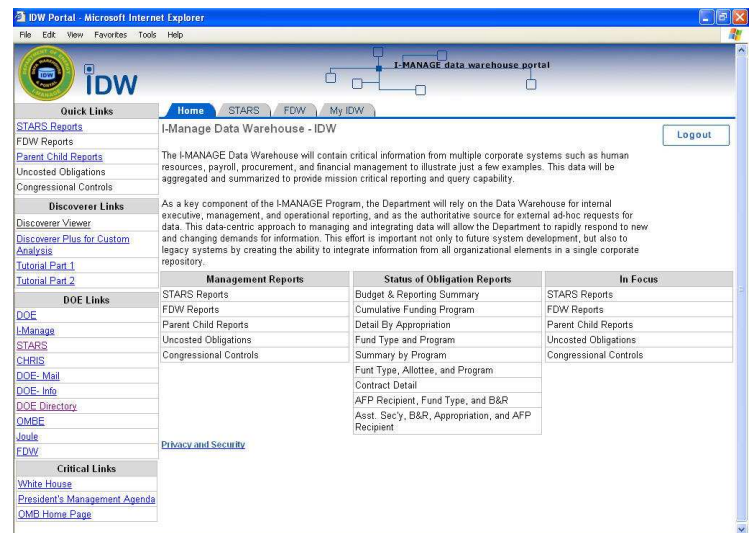
This newsletter introduces you to the I-MANAGE Data Warehouse (IDW) project, delivers timely updates on its status, and familiarizes you with its functionality. IDW is part of the I-MANAGE program currently underway at DOE.

IDW to Go Live in January 2005!

The I-MANAGE Data Warehouse (IDW) will go live at the end of January. Additional IDW functionality will become available when STARS goes live in April 2005.

What will be available in January?

In January, the I-MANAGE Data Warehouse and Portal will go live. Users will be able to explore the portal, access FDW reports in Business Objects through the portal, familiarize themselves with values of the new accounting structure and hierarchies, and view STARS reconciliation reports in the IDW. The portal will give users a new entry point to the current Financial Data Warehouse (FDW) and its reports. Until STARS deployment in April, data available through the IDW will be STARS pre-deployment data that will be refreshed nightly, providing access to the most up-to-date STARS information. This pre-deployment data is also currently being used by the STARS team to reconcile STARS reports with current DISCAS reports to ensure accurate data conversion.



The IDW Portal will provide timely access to DOE business information.

Although the new portal and IDW will be available in January, the current FDW will still be operational—users will *not* be required to switch immediately to the IDW. However, the IDW portal will be there for users who want to begin exploring that new environment.

The January deployment of the IDW will be available to a limited number of users selected from among STARS developers, ME accountants, FDW users, and program managers. This will help ensure adequate performance of the system and processing of feedback and recommendations.

Classes will be offered for users to learn how to use the new IDW and get the most out of it. More information about registering for classes and requesting an IDW account will be available in our January newsletter.

What will be added in April?

In April when STARS is fully deployed, the IDW will move from using pre-deployment data to using production STARS data. At that time the IDW will be the easiest way to access the Department of Energy's financial information and will be used to create both standard and custom reports. STARS production data will continue to be refreshed nightly to assure users access to the most current and accurate corporate financial information.

IDW Project Information

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